









## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are a vital component of DNR's Recreation Program. They assist the agency by providing support for site and trail maintenance. Volunteers also work as campground hosts, site stewards, and gatekeepers. For information about volunteer opportunities in your area, visit the Department of Natural Resources website

For More Information

at www.dnr.wa.gov, or call 360-902-1678.

The rules governing public access to DNR-managed land are stated in Washington Administrative Code Chapter 332-52. Violators are subject to prosecution.

Recreation and public use rules

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?dispo=true&cite=332-52

**DNR** recreation information

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/recreation

**Guide to outdoor recreation safety** 

http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/traveladvisories/safety

#### To report an emergency, call 911

To report a suspicious situation, call the nearest region office **Monday – Friday**, **8 am. to 4:30 p.m. (see map)**.

After hours and on weekends, call 1-800-562-6010.

A Quick Guide to Public Use on DNR-Managed Lands



## Things You Should Know

The following information is intended to help you have a safe and enjoyable experience while recreating on DNR-managed land.

**DNR forest lands are working forests, so you need to watch out for logging trucks** and harvesting equipment on the roads, and stay away from harvesting operations.

Always travel at a safe speed and use the proper safety equipment.

**All motor vehicle laws apply,** including driving under the influence.

**Helmets are required by law** for operating motorcycles and quads on forest roads.

By law, children 13 and under operating motorcycles and quads on forest roads must be accompanied by a licensed driver 18 years of age or older.

**Dumping is strictly prohibited.** Care should always be taken to protect our beautiful lands.

**State litter laws are strictly enforced.** Garbage must not be left behind. If you pack it in, you are required by law to pack it out.

**Hunters and recreational shooters must exercise extreme caution at all times.** Shooting across a road, a trail, or near a campsite or residence is strictly prohibited

**Always stay on existing trails.**Riding off-trail/off-road is prohibited.

Unauthorized trail constructing is prohibited.

A DNR permit is required for all organized events. This process prevents conflicts and ensures a safe and enjoyable experience. Contact the DNR region office or visit our website for permit information.

Harvesting forest products and shellfish for personal or commercial use is regulated by state law. Please visit our website for additional information.

**Hunting, fishing, and gold panning information** is available from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at http://wdfw.wa.gov/ .

**Firewood cutting for personal use requires a permit.** Contact the region office where you plan to cut firewood for more information.

Day-use areas are open one half-hour before sunrise until one half-hour after sunset.







### A Message From Law Enforcement Services



Larry K. Raedel Chief of Law Enforcement Services

Washingtonians love being outdoors. It is part of the delight of living in the Evergreen State. Unlike so many other states, we are still blessed with most of the three million acres of trust lands granted by the federal government at statehood. Revenue from these working landscapes provides financial support for such public institutions and

services as schools and universities, fire districts and other county services.

By culture and tradition, the trust lands are also available for many forms of recreation. The laws of Washington provide this opportunity to Washington citizens, so long as the lands can still be managed to benefit the institutions and services they support, and appropriate stewardship of the environment is assured.

#### **Recreation Opportunities**

The department's primary recreation focus is to provide public access opportunities on 2.1 million acres of forested state trust lands, with trails and trailhead facilities, offering a primitive experience in a natural setting.

Across Washington, the 1,100 miles of trails and thousands of miles of roads provide considerable access for dispersed recreation activities, such as camping, hunting, fishing, horse back riding, bird watching, and sightseeing. Each year, an estimated 11 million visitors come to enjoy these lands. In addition, we encourage public access to the 2.4 million acres of aquatic lands that we manage as a public trust.

#### **Education and Enforcement**

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to offering the public an opportunity to come and enjoy outdoor activities on agency managed lands. One of our primary objectives is keeping the lands safe for the public and DNR staff, while meeting the agency's business needs. We are also heavily committed to resource protection, whether it's preventing meth labs, marijuana grows, or battling wildfires that could spread to private or other public lands.

DNR's Law Enforcement Officers are commissioned police officers. Our purpose is to ensure your safety and to protect state assets and the environment. We are authorized to cite violators and, if necessary, to arrest them.

Law Enforcement Services has officers in DNR's six regions. Enforcement involves four main areas: collision investigations, theft, vandalism, and public use.

The Law Enforcement Program relies heavily on feedback from the public. If you have questions or comments, please use the contact information on the map to contact me or the officer in your region.



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